

REMARKS

This reply is fully responsive to the Office Action dated 14 DEC 2005, and is filed within six - (6) months following the mailing date of the Office Action. The Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed. The method of payment and fees for petition fee due in connection therewith is enclosed.

Disclosure/Claims Status Summary:

Claims 1 - 9 are pending in the application.

Claims 1 - 3, 6 - 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nakata et al.

Claim 4 has been canceled without prejudice.

Applicant notes, with appreciation, the Office Action's notification that claims 4 and 5 have been objected to as being dependant upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

I. Rejection of Claims under 35 USC 102(b):

Claims 1 - 3, 6 - 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nakata et al.

Claims 1 and 2-6:

Claims 2 - 6 directly depend from the independent claim 1, and therefore, incorporate all the limitations of claim 1.

Claims 4 and 5 have been objected to as being dependant upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The dependent claim 4 has been canceled, and the independent claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of the now canceled depended claim 4.

5 Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the amended claim 1 is allowable over the cited reference and solicit reconsideration and allowance of these claims.

10 In addition, since claims 2, 3, 5, and 6 depend from claim 1 and incorporate all of its limitations, they are patentable for the same reasons given with respect to claims 1, and include additional limitations that further distinguish them from the reference cited. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submits that claims 2, 3, 5, and 6 are also allowable over the cited reference and solicit reconsideration and allowance of these claims.

Claims 7, 8, and 9:

15 Independent claims 7 to 9 have been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 4.

20 It is respectfully submitted that Nakata lacks, and does not disclose, teach, or suggest (implied or otherwise) the limitations of newly amended claims 7 - 9. Nakata does not disclose, teach, suggest (implied or otherwise), or even use the claimed language *“the memory circuit receiving the clock signal and the plurality of the clock enable signals, generating the memory clock enable signal according to the plurality of the inputted clock enable signals, and providing the memory clock enable signal and the inputted clock signal to the memory.”*

25 Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the independent claims 7 to 9 are allowable over the cited reference and solicit reconsideration and allowance of these claims.

30 It should be noted that the above changes to all of the claims are intended to comply with the requirements of the Office Action so to elicit an early allowance, and are not intended to prejudice Applicant's rights or in any way to create an estoppel preventing Applicant from arguing allowability of all original claims in further off-spring applications.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant respectfully submits that in light of the above amendment/remarks, all claims are now in allowable condition. The Applicant thus respectfully requests timely allowance of all of the pending claims.

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Any claim amendments that are not specifically discussed in the above remarks are not made for patentability purposes, and it is believed that the claims would satisfy the statutory requirements for patentability without the entry of such amendments. Rather, these amendments have only been made to increase claim readability, to improve grammar, and to reduce the time and effort required of those on the art to clearly understand the scope of the claim language. Furthermore, any new claims presented above are of course intended to avoid the prior art, but are not intended as replacements or substitutes of any cancelled claims. They are simply additional specific statements of inventive concepts described in the application as originally filed.

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In the event the Examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this response, or believes that a conversation with either Applicant or Applicant's representative would be beneficial the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required or credit overpayment to the attached credit card form. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed. The petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 50-2738 if a credit card form has not been included with this correspondence or if the credit card could not be charged.

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Respectfully submitted,

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